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TAGS: PFOR, CN, FR

SUBJECT: COMOROS: MEETING ON MAYOTTE

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1. REUTERS REPORT, DATELINED MORONI AND CARRIED IN OFFICIAL PRESS BULLETIN SEPTEMBER 8, LISTS RECOMMENDATION MADE BY OAU "COMMITTEE OF SEVEN" WHICH MET IN MORONI SEPTEMBER 5 AND 6 ON SUBJECT OF MAYOTTE. RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDE: (A) FURTHER ACTION BY OAU PRESIDENT BONGO, WHO HAS ALREADY MET WITH FRENCH PRESIDENT ON SUBJECT, LATTER HAVING "TAKEN NOTE" OF AFRICAN DESIRE TO SEE MAYOTTE REINTEGRATED INTO THE COMOROS ARCHIPELAGO; (B) FOREIGN MINISTER OF "SEVEN" AND THEIR AMBASSADORS IN PARIS TO FOLLOW EVOLUTION OF QUESTION, TO MEET WITH FRENCH FOREIGN MINISTER ON SUBJECT, AND TO REQUEST IMMEDIATE LIFTING OF FRENCH RESTRICTIVE MEASURES ON CIRCULATION OF PERSONS AND GOODS BETWEEN MAYOTTE AND OTHER ISLANDS; (C) OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT AT ITS NEXT MEETING OAU RESOLUTION FOR THE FORMULATION, IN COLLOABORATION WITH MORONI, OF A STRATEGY TO ASSURE RETURN OF MAYOTTE TO THE ARCHIPELAGO; (D) ALL OAU COUNTRIES TO DEPLOY COLLECTIVE AND INDIVIDUAL

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EFFORTS VIS-A-VIS FRENCH GOVERNMENT SO THAT LATTER "WHICH BRING AN URGENT AND JUST SOLUTION TO THIS PROBLEM WHICH PREOCCUPIES ALL OF AFRICA." ARTICLE NOTES MODERATE TONE ON COMORIAN AUTHORITIES TOWARD FRANCE.

2. OTHER REPORTING ON THIS MEETING ALSO REFLECTS MODERATE TONE ADOPTED BY GATHERING AS A WHOLE, AND FRENCH AMBASSADOR

HERE HAS EXPRESSED SATISFACTION OVER THIS, REMARKING THAT  
AFRICANS SEEM TO HAVE PLACED BLAME FOR MAYOTTE SITUATION  
ON FRENCH LEGISLATIVE BRANCH RATHER THAN ON FRENCH  
GOVERNMENT AS A WHOLE.BARRETT

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